present, emphasis is being given for development of roads already declared as National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways.

Corridor Management Policy

†1811. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) have decided to emphasize on corridor management by making corridor management policy instead of constructing National Highways;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard and the reasons therefor;

(c) the proposed outlines of the new corridor management policy; and

(d) by when the target of its implementation after final announcement of such policy would be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) No Sir. NHAI lays equal emphasis on management of completed sections of highways (Corridor Management) and construction of highways.

(c) and (d) The maintenance of completed sections of the National highways is being carried out by NHAI through short term improvement and road maintenance contracts and long term performance based maintenance contracts. The scope of work includes road maintenance, road property management, incident management, engineering improvement of toll-fee collection, traffic management, facility management, planning of operation and maintenance (O&M) center, training and road safety provisions.

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